



SPEAKER'S BIO



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LINDA G. GONZALEZ, Commissioner with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) is the Executive Manager for the FMCS Southwest District Office located in Los Angeles, California. She has the responsibility for ensuring that FMCS' primary charge to mediate collective bargaining negotiations in the private, federal and public sectors is carried out within the southwestern states and supervises 16 FMCS Commissioners who cover and serve these states.

With an extensive labor relations background of over 25 years, Linda has worked with EEO complaints and other inter-personal conflicts using ADR processes. She has conducted skills training in dispute resolution; mediation/facilitation; and cultural communication in the workplace. Utilizing her bilingual skills she has conducted training and mediations serving the Spanish speaking workforce in Southern California. She is also recognized for her work focused on mediation of complex, multi-party negotiations such as regulatory negotiations for federal government agencies and Native American tribes and/or tribal organizations. Prior to joining FMCS, she worked as labor investigator and hearing officer with the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) and served as a local President for the American Federation of Government Employees, one of the largest federal government unions.

Ms. Gonzalez is a graduate of Pepperdine University and completed her graduate work at Cal State University, Los Angeles, in Labor Relations and Public Administration.

Ms. Gonzalez is a native of Los Angeles, California and continues to live and contribute to the greater Los Angeles labor management community.